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Letter dated 9 September 2005 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

The members of the Security Council were briefed on 25 August 2005 by Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, on the progress made by the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission (UNIIIC) into the 14 February 2005 bombing in Beirut.

In order to complete the ongoing investigation, Mr. Detlev Mehlis, Commissioner of UNIIIC, has requested me to extend the mandate of the Commission for 40 days, until 25 October 2005. He also informed me of his intention to gradually downsize the staff of UNIIIC during this additional period. In view of the above, it is my intention to extend the mandate of UNIIIC until 25 October 2005 in accordance with Security Council resolution 1595 (2005).

I would appreciate it if you could bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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